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INVESTIGATION MADE BY

SAs William R. Shiles and Robert R. Lapham

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Earl Ruby interviewed relative to alleged photographs portraying President Kennedy's head wounds.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

This case originated upon receipt of an Office Memorandum from Inspector Thomas Kelley, Dallas, dated December 5, 1963, which requests interview of Earl Ruby relative to photographs portraying President Kennedy's head wounds.

(B) CENTRAL INQUIRIES:

Earl Ruby was personally interviewed on December 6, 1963, at Coho Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit, Michigan, by Special Agents William R. Shiles and Robert R. Lapham. Ruby was aware that this information had been furnished this Service by his sister and was entirely cooperative throughout the interview.

Ruby stated that during the evening of December 1, 1963, he received a long-distance telephone call from an old friend, Mike Shore of Los Angeles, who said he had been conferring with one Billy Whitfield, the writer of the Carol Thompson murder story, relative to the possibility of writing a story on Jack Ruby. Shore also mentioned to Earl Ruby that he had information on some photographs, but he would not elaborate because he said the subject was too "hot" to talk about on the phone. It was agreed that Earl Ruby would leave for Los Angeles immediately.

Ruby said he arrived in Los Angeles the following day, and at that time he was met by Shore and Whitfield, after which they discussed the possibility of writing a story concerning Jack Ruby. During the conversation, Whitfield said that he was told by one Peter Noss, a writer for the Saturday Evening Post

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magazine, that he had been approached with an offer to purchase some confidential photographs of the assassination of President Kennedy. These photographs were alleged to show the large head wounds with parts of the skull missing. Ruby understood that this offer was made to Moss by either Attorney Tom Howard or his representative. No price was mentioned as to the cost of these photographs.

Ruby said he understood that these photographs are apparently in the possession of law-enforcement officials in Dallas, but all evidence and photographs would become available to Howard for Jack Ruby's defense.

Earl Ruby departed Los Angeles on December 3, 1963, and flew to Dallas where he conferred with his sister, Eva Grant, and his brother, Jack Ruby, concerning the forthcoming story. While in Dallas, Ruby said he talked to Tom Howard about these photographs, at which time Howard emphatically denied any knowledge concerning them.

Ruby did not have Whitfield's home address in Los Angeles, but he supplied his two telephone numbers, these being PO3-3922 and CR7-4462. Shore resides at 199 N. Almont Drive, Los Angeles 48, California, business phone HO3-8211, and resident phone numbers BR2-9836 and CR-4-0043.

Ruby said he would advise this office immediately if further details concerning any aspect of this case come to his attention.

A confidential source has advised that Detroit telephone number 353-2730 was listed to Earl Ruby until November 25, 1963, at which time his number was changed to 353-3870. His home address is 29925 Woodlawn Drive, Southfield, Michigan. His business telephone number is UN3-0400.

(J) CONCLUSION:

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